GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Shortage of RPF Personnel
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing incidents of robbery in trains especially in Kerala bound trains and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Railways are facing the shortage of RPF personnel and if so, the details thereof and the number of RPF posts lying vacant; and
(c) the steps taken by the Railways to fill up the vacant posts of RPF personnel?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): The incidents of robbery in trains over Indian Railways including Kerala bound trains have decreased significantly in the year 2016 as compared to the year 2015.

(b) & (c): Arising and filling up of vacancies in Railway Protection Force (RPF)/Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF) is an ongoing process. As and when vacancies arise due to retirement, promotion etc., the same are filled through direct recruitment or promotion from time to time.
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